Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (canceled)

2.   (canceled)

3.   (canceled)

4.   (currently amended) Process for decomposing an image of a graphic object to be displayed within a Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) page comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) computing the middle of said graphic object;

(b) extracting a first vertical sample of n pixel wide, which passes through said middle;

(c) determining the next adjacent sample located on the right and comparing it to said first vertical sample;

(d) repeating (c) until the next adjacent sample located on the right is different than the first vertical sample, and setting the boundary of the right corners of variant portions of the object;

(e) determining the next adjacent sample located on the left and comparing it to the first vertical sample;

(f) repeating (e) as long as the next adjacent sample is different to the first vertical sample, and setting the left boundary of the left corners of variant portions of the object;

(g) extracting a second horizontal sample of n pixel wide which passes through said middle of the object;

(h) determining the next adjacent sample located upward and comparing it to said second horizontal sample;

(i) repeating (h) until the next adjacent sample located upward is different than said second horizontal sample, and setting the boundary of superior left and right corners of variant portions of the object;

(j) determining the next adjacent sample located downward and comparing it to said second horizontal sample;

(k) repeating (j) as long as the next adjacent sample is different to said second horizontal sample, and setting the boundary of inferior left and right corners of the objects; and

(l) using said boundaries to:

~~producing~~ derive a first image file corresponding to ~~a~~ the superior left corner ~~(111)~~ corresponding to a first variant portion of said object;

~~producing~~ derive a second image file corresponding to ~~a~~ the superior right corner ~~(112)~~ corresponding to a second variant portion of the image;

~~producing~~ derive a third image file corresponding to ~~an~~ the inferior left corner ~~(113)~~ corresponding to a third variant portion of said image;

~~producing~~ derive a fourth image file corresponding to ~~an~~ the inferior right corner ~~(114)~~ corresponding to a fourth variant portion of said image;

~~producing~~ derive a fifth image file, corresponding to an invariant n-pixel wide portion of the image located between said superior left and said superior right corners;

~~producing~~ derive a sixth image file corresponding to an invariant n-pixel wide portion of the image located between said superior left and said inferior left corners;

~~producing~~ derive a seventh image file corresponding to

an invariant n-pixel wide portion of the image located

between said superior right and said inferior right

corners; and

~~producing~~ derive an ~~a~~ eighth image file corresponding to an

invariant n-pixel wide portion of the image located between

said inferior left and said inferior right corners[[;]].

5.   (canceled)

6.   (currently amended) Process according to claim ~~5~~
~~characterised in that it displays~~ 4, further comprising:

displaying a graphical user interface ~~for the purpose of~~
~~allowing~~ to allow the user to enter a manual determination of

the left, right, up and down boundaries of said objects[[,]] for

~~the purpose of~~ deriving ~~the eight different~~ said image files.

7.   (canceled)

8.   (currently amended) Process according to claim ~~7~~
~~characterized in that the structure of said table consists of:~~
4, further comprising:

constructing an HTML page for displaying the graphic object

wherein the graphic object is represented by a table having a

cellpadding set to zero, a cellspacing set to zero, a border set

to zero, and

        - a first row having

                - a first cell for displaying the first top left

                corner (111) of said ~~graphical~~ graphic object;

- a second cell for displaying the upper vertical
portion (116) of a vertical slice of said ~~graphical~~
graphic object [[,]]_;_
- a third cell for displaying the right top corner
(112) of said ~~graphical~~ graphic object;
- a second row having
- a first cell for displaying a left portion (115) of
a horizontal slice of said ~~graphical~~ graphic object;
- a second cell for displaying the textual information
which is to be incorporated within said ~~graphical~~
graphic object;
- a third cell for displaying the right portion (117)
of an horizontal slice of said ~~graphical~~ graphic
object; _and_
- a third row having[[:]]
- a first cell for displaying the bottom left corner
(113) of the ~~graphical~~ graphic object;
- a second cell for displaying the lower portion (118)
of a vertical slice of said ~~graphical~~ graphic object;
and
- a third cell for displaying the bottom right corner
(114) of said ~~graphical~~ graphic object.

9.   (original)   Process according to claim 8 wherein the
second cell of the second row codes the hexadecimal code of the
colour of the background of said graphical object.

10.   (currently amended) ~~Medium~~ Computer readable medium
comprising computer code for executing an active object for
returning ~~an~~ the HTML page of claim 8. ~~comprising a set of
graphical objects or buttons which are arranged in tables,~~

having a set of 3 rows and three columns forming 9 elementary
cells, and said HTML table is created with a cellpading set to
zero, a cellpagdding set to zero and, at last, a border set to
zero, said table comprising:
— a first row having — a first cell for displaying the first top
left corner (111) of said graphical object;
— a second cell for displaying the upper vertical portion (116)
of a vertical slice of said graphical object, — a third cell for
displaying the right top corner (112) of said graphical object;
— a second row having
— a first cell for displaying a left portion (115) of a
horizontal slice of said graphical object;
— a second cell for displaying the textual information which is
to be incorporated within said graphical object;
— a third cell for pisplaying the right portion (117) of an
horizontal slice of said graphical object;
— a third row having:
— a first cell for displaying the bottom left corner (113) of
the graphical object;
— a second cell for displaying the lower portion (118) of a
vertical slice of said graphical object;
— a third cell for displaying the bottom right corner (114) of
said graphical object.

11.   (canceled)

12.   (canceled)